"Pakistan Kashmir main sainya Hastak-shap Karega"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our security forces are in readiness to repulse any such misadventure, if resorted to by Pakistan.

गुजरात में "सी बर्ड" नौसैनिक अड्डा

472. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल**: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात में "सी बर्ड"नौसैनिक अड्डा का शिलान्यास करने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचारधीन है;

(ख) क्या सरकार द्वारा कच्छ क्षेत्र में इस अड्डे को स्थापित करने के लिए प्राथमिकता दी गई है;

(ग) यदि हां,तो इस परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है तथा "सी बर्ड" नैसैनिक अड्डा के प्रथम चरण से संबंधित कार्यो को कब शुरू किया गया था तथा इन्हें पूरा करने के लिए क्या समय निर्धारित किया गया था ;

(घ) प्रस्तावित परियोजना कितने चरणों में पूरी हो जायेंगे; और

(ड) विभिन्न चरणों की अनुमानित लागत सहित इसके कार्यान्वयन का ब्यौरा क्या है और चरण-वार कार्य शुरू करने हेतु क्या समय नियत किया गया हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन.वी.एन.सोमू): (क) और (ख) जी,नहीं।

(ग) से (ड) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Shortage of quality for IAF aircrafts

473. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJ ARY: Wil the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware that shortage of quality spares hampers the efficiency of IAF planes;

(b) if so, the reasons for shortage of quality spares for IAF aircrafts; and

(c) the steps Government have taken/ propose to take to remove the shortage

of spares?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) There is no shortage of quality spares required for maintenance of IAF aircraft.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Indian firshcrmen abducted by Pakistan

474. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased so state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has abducted fishermen from within the Indian Economic Zone;

(b) whehter the matter was taken up with Pakistan any time by Govemment;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and when the fishermen will be got repatriated; and

(d) if not, the steps Govemment prop ose to take in the matter to help the families of these fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d) According to available information 230 Indian fishermen are in custody in Pakistan. Incidents of capture of Indian fishermen by Pakistani Security Agencies occur periodically, off the Coast of Gujarat, close to the national maritime boundary which has not been finalized yet.

In all such cases, Govemment of India immediately take up the matter of early release and repatriation of captured of Indian fishermen with the Govemment of Pakistan. Govemment is also pursuing vigorously all the cases of Indian fishermen currently under detention in Pakistan. This matter was also taken up at the meeting on 18.12.96 between External Affairs Minister and the visiting Foreign Minister of Pakistan. It was decided that data should be exchanged by both sides and the concerned officials would meet as